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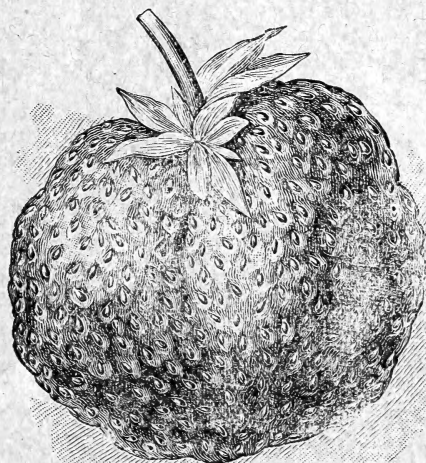
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Flansburgh & Peirson's

Catalog and Price List of High-grade



ROUGH RIDER.

Rough Rider and Senator Dunlap Strawberry.
Cumberland Raspberry. Introducers of
The New KING OF MICHIGAN POTATO.

Strawberry-Plants and Seed Potatoes.

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GROWN AND FOR SALE BY

Flansburgh & Peirson, Leslie, Mich.

# SOME REASONS—IMPORTANT.

To those who now receive our catalog for the first time, by request or through the courtesy of a mutual friend, we respectfully submit the following reasons why we think it will be to your interests to deal with us.

**We have the soil**—a deep strong sandy loam, originally heavily timbered; still new, and *capable* of producing the grade of plants we advertise.

**We maintain our grade** by a careful selection of stock plants, and right methods of propagation from year to year, that tend, with such a soil, to produce plants of the greatest health and vigor, striving for the ideal fruiting-row, and perfect fruit from any plants that may be left unsold.

**All plants are freshly dug** as wanted, culling out the parent plant and others, that, for any cause, may not have attained sufficient crown or root growth to rate No. 1 — *the only grade we send out.*

**We employ no kid labor.** All our plants are nicely trimmed ready for the planter, and, if not otherwise advised, are tied in bundles of 25, roots washed in cold water, and packed with moss in new handle baskets lined with oil-paper, in such a manner as to insure the best possible condition on arrival.

**We guarantee our plants** true to name, and to reach their destination in good condition by express or mail. Large freight orders are sometimes packed in light ventilated crates, and sent at owner's

risk, unless wanted early in the season while the weather is cool, or by special agreement. Plants by mail are not assorted light weight to reduce charges. A drouth will never fail to demonstrate the value of good plants.

**Our prices** average lower than can be found elsewhere, when quality and grade of stock, care in packing, and guaranteed conditions are considered. *We have plenty of good new soil*, unlimited quantities of the finest moss that costs nothing but the gathering, a personal working interest and supervision throughout. We do not intend to be undersold if you want plants for business.

**Our references** for responsibility are ample. You take no risk whatever. We do a careful cash business, extending credit only where parties are well known to us, or who furnish satisfactory vouchers. See elsewhere a certificate of health from State Inspector of Nurseries D. W. Trine, issued by Michigan State Board of Agriculture. See our unsolicited testimonials. We invite investigation at all times.

**Finally.** We take pleasure in looking after the interests of our customers *in person*, promptly acknowledging all orders and business communications, and sending notice when goods are expected to arrive. If we know that we are sold out of a variety we will tell you so at once. We never substitute without permission, nor withhold reply, trusting to find the variety in stock elsewhere. In short, we aim to satisfy, by honorable dealing, both our customers and ourselves. *Try us. We will do our best to please you.*

## Certificate of Nursery Inspection.

No. 42.

Leslie, Mich., Nov. 27, 1900.

This is to certify that I have examined the nursery stock and premises of FLANSBURGH & PEIRSON, and find no indications of the presence of any dangerous insect pest or fungous disease.

D. W. TRINE,

State Inspector of Nurseries and Orchards.

*Dear Sirs:* — King of Michigan potato planted May 20th ripened Aug. 10th. Fair yield. Eyes shallow. Flesh very white and flakey; very fine grain, and of the best quality. Spring setting of strawberries is looking fine; the grubs bothered me some. It is not necessary for me to tell you that, with your system of packing, the plants were in first-class shape when received. You will hear from me in the spring for some of the new varieties.

Yours, G. C. CLARK.

Troy, Michigan, September 8, 1900.



## TO OUR CUSTOMERS.

Strawberries were a good crop and prices were well sustained here last season. Not so large a crop, perhaps, as in 1898 and '99, because many growers had reduced their acreage when berries were cheap; but it was large enough to show the great popularity of this fruit, which is always so sure of a ready market when properly offered, and when all the people have money to buy with as now. So far as heard from, there was no sacrifice of prices, at any time, below a good profit for the growers, even when most abundant, while varieties of fine appearance or extra quality brought corresponding returns, highly satisfactory to many of our customers, throughout the season.

Our own fruiting was limited to the odds and ends of rows left from the spring sales, which often included but a few plants, and some varieties had been dug entirely, but enough were left to show the relative merits of most of the new sorts compared with those better known. While we believe that such worthy varieties as Haverland, Clyde, Bubach, Glen Mary, Gandy, Marshall, Beder Wood, Warfield, and other well-known sorts, will properly constitute the bulk of the planting in 1901, and probably for many years to come, there are, among the new ones, some that may crowd them close for popularity in the near future.

Among the new varieties we fruited for the first, the Repeater and Pocomoke were both happy surprises. Repeater was said to produce two crops in one season. We did not try it in that way, as we always turn our plants under after fruiting; but as an early berry, and a heavy bearer as well, of good-sized attractive berries, it was one of the most satisfactory sorts we have ever fruited, and we were sorry we had not given it more space in our new setting. Pocomoke is no doubt a seedling of the Wilson, ripening about with that variety, but larger and finer; a strong healthy plant with a magnificent root system that brings the latest berries to full size and maturity. Pennel is a large, handsome, dark-red berry of the very highest quality. We rate it higher for quality than the Nick Ohmer or any variety we have ever fruited. We picked nearly a hatful of the new Rough Rider one Sunday, from a few plants left to fruit in our spring setting—the first fruit of this variety we had seen, except a single berry sent us by the introducer about the middle of July, 1899. The variety is a strong grower, making full rows of well-rooted robust plants, and the berries were large and fine. This may also be said of the Gibson in a general way. We reserved one plant of the Marie to fruit, and were rewarded with a single large handsome berry—the other buds on the stem having been removed in this case, as we did not wish to ex-

haust the plant greatly. Bennett and Springdale Beauty—the last-named a new variety from Arkansas—were also very promising. We should have been glad to see a few berries of the much-praised Senator Dunlap; but as the plants which we had ordered early, for our own setting, could not be supplied from Illinois when it came our turn, they were sent us late in the season from Wisconsin. We did not allow any of them to fruit, expecting many of them would die at the best; but, on the contrary, they all lived and made a splendid growth, indicating the variety to possess a remarkable vitality. We have no doubt it is a valuable addition to our list.

Among the raspberries we regard the new Cumberland as the best of all black caps, while the King would be our first choice of the red ones. We were disappointed with our first fruiting of the new Cardinal; but it may improve on a longer acquaintance.

The whole season was especially favorable for plant growth in this section, and we were never before in so good a shape to supply the wants of our customers everywhere with both plants and potatoes. We have over two million fine, healthy strawberry-plants that will grade nearly 90 per cent well-rooted, sizable stock, according to the variety, such as you all desire. They are all growing on the new ground we told you about last year, with our temporary plant packing house on the spot ready for business as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring. We have other new ground suitable for setting the coming season, and have planned to continue our method of setting our plants in a new place each year, in order, as stated in a former catalog issue, to secure for ourselves the greatest possible freedom from the attacks of fungous diseases, and of insect pests that infect so many sections where the strawberry is grown continuously and in large quantities; and for our customers, vigorous, healthy, and hardy plants, grown without especial stimulant, or by irrigation, or in any way to force an increase in numbers at the expense of size and vitality. We are still striving for the ideal type—plants that will stand the grief of a long journey, that will grow and respond quickly to every well-directed effort and proper management in their new surroundings. A single fruiting of a variety, whether in large or small space, does not determine its value; but these are some of the impressions we have received of a few of the new ones, and others will be noted elsewhere. One thing sure—there are some among them that are very promising.

Thanking you all kindly as customers and friends for your good will manifested on many occasions, we remain

Yours very truly,

FLANSBURGH & PEIRSON.

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Deland, Ill., Apr. 16, 1900.

Gentlemen:—Plants came to hand in due time. I am well pleased with them. Most of the varieties were the best rooted plants I ever saw. Many thanks.  
J. A. CAMPBELL.

Adrian, Mich., Apr. 13, 1900.

Plants arrived in first-class condition, well packed, well rooted, and all that one could wish. I will remember you in future. Yours truly,

F. A. BRADISH.

## Terms, Advice, Responsibility.

**Our shipping season** for plants begins with southern orders as soon as frost is out of the ground, and is usually extended into June; but we do not warrant plants after May 20.

**Terms, cash with order**, unless from parties whom we have found to be absolutely responsible; but orders will be booked if one-fourth value is inclosed, the remainder to be sent before shipment.

**Order early** while stock is complete. If ordered late in the season it is always best, if possible, to name a second or third choice in case a variety wanted should be sold out; or leave it with us, stating soil, conditions, and other particulars. We never substitute without permission.

**Claims**, if any, must be made upon receipt of goods, so that mistakes, should any have occurred, may be promptly corrected.

**Estimates** on large quantities promptly furnished; prices quoted prepaid whenever possible; but customers are assured of the 20 per cent reduction below merchandise rates on all express orders for plants.

Special attention given to Canadian customers, owing to the duty. All orders accompanied with invoice and a personal guarantee of charges, to avoid delay. Please do not send Canadian bills or coin.

**C. O. D. orders** require one-fourth value with order. Send money at our own risk by postoffice order, express money order, registered letter, or draft on New York. Stamps taken for parts of a dollar.

**For our responsibility**, address, with stamp, *"The People's Bank,"* Leslie, Mich., or any official, professional, or business man of the same place.

## Directions for Beginners.

Plant the strawberry in the spring, while the soil is moist and cool, when there is less evaporation and more favorable weather generally, and when the plant is fully grown, matured, and dormant.

**Select good soil.**—New ground is best after it is cleared of stumps. A clover soil is excellent, if in good heart, or a field that has been cultivated in hoed crops. A strong sandy or clay loam in all cases would be our first choice; but large crops of fine fruit are grown on all kinds of soil, from light sand to heavy clay, and even on muck. It depends on its treatment and the varieties. A sunny exposure will hasten the ripening, as a northern exposure will delay it. *Don't* plow when the ground is wet and soggy—wait until the soil will crumble in the hand. Roll and drag immediately and alternately until thoroughly fined and firmed. Mark into rows four feet apart if you want to grow broad matted rows, or three feet apart for narrow rows, setting the plants 18 inches apart in the row. If hill culture is desired, set the plants in two-foot check rows and cultivate both ways, keeping the runners cut off as they appear. There is no doubt that the finest fruit is produced by hill culture; and, if the right varieties are planted, about as much of it. Set every third row, at least, with a staminate (or perfect-blossomed) variety. If the following spring should prove cold and wet, and unfavorable for perfect fertilization, it might chance one would wish they were all staminate. Many growers think the pistillates are more productive, as a rule, and perhaps this is true. If early and late sorts are planted, set the staminate to correspond. Keep all blossoms picked off in the new setting. Cultivate and hoe often to destroy the weeds as soon as they appear, and to put and keep the ground in good condition for the

young plants. We use the hoe among them as long as we can, cultivating between the rows until late in the fall. As soon as the ground is frozen hard, mulch evenly with straw, marsh hay, or leaves, but not with buckwheat straw, as it is poisonous to the strawberry. Rake off in the spring into the paths, enough so that the plants will come through readily. Growers pay from one to two cents per quart for picking—about a cent and a half on an average. We use the 2 qt. and 10-qt. tickets, cashing them every Saturday night. It is a good plan to assort and grade all fruit as it comes from the pickers, and take no risk, especially with new hands in the height of harvest. Have each crate exactly as represented throughout. Whatever a man's reputation in the market, it is soon at a discount or a premium, and seldom fails of being rated at its true value.

### Number of Plants Required to Set One Acre.

| Distance.    | Plants. | Distance.    | Plants. |
|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| 1 by 1 foot, | 43,560  | 6 by 3 feet, | 2,420   |
| 2 by 1 foot, | 21,780  | 6 by 4 feet, | 1,815   |
| 2 by 2 feet, | 10,890  | 6 by 5 feet, | 1,452   |
| 3 by 1 foot, | 14,520  | 6 by 6 feet, | 1,210   |
| 3 by 2 feet, | 7,260   | 7 by 1 foot, | 6,222   |
| 3 by 3 feet, | 4,840   | 7 by 2 feet, | 3,111   |
| 4 by 1 foot, | 10,890  | 7 by 3 feet, | 2,074   |
| 4 by 2 feet, | 5,445   | 7 by 4 feet, | 1,555   |
| 4 by 3 feet, | 3,630   | 7 by 5 feet, | 1,244   |
| 4 by 4 feet, | 2,722   | 7 by 6 feet, | 1,037   |
| 5 by 1 foot, | 8,712   | 7 by 7 feet, | 888     |
| 5 by 2 feet, | 4,356   | 8 by 3 feet, | 1,815   |
| 5 by 3 feet, | 2,904   | 8 by 4 feet, | 1,361   |
| 5 by 4 feet, | 2,178   | 8 by 5 feet, | 1,089   |
| 5 by 5 feet, | 1,742   | 8 by 6 feet, | 905     |
| 6 by 1 foot, | 7,260   | 8 by 7 feet, | 777     |
| 6 by 2 feet, | 3,630   | 8 by 8 feet, | 680     |

## Summer and Fall Plants.

We are always anxious to accommodate our customers everywhere; and as some of them want strawberry-plants in the summer and fall in more or less limited quantities, we have made a planting in the fall of certain varieties, apart from our spring setting. These plants will not be allowed to fruit, and, having become well established before winter, will commence to run early in the spring, and produce

good plants before well-rooted stock could be expected from spring setting.

See that the soil is thoroughly fitted — firm beneath and well fined on the surface. Dip the roots in thin mud if the weather is dry. Set with a spade, pressing the soil firmly each side of the plant with the foot, and rake or cultivate immediately.

## Northern Plants for Southern Planters.

Mr. C. W. Benson, of Alvin, Texas, in *American Gardening* of Dec. 16, 1899, states: — “I have noticed that plants shipped in here from the North commence to fruit two or three weeks earlier than the same variety which has been grown on our own grounds for three or four years.”

Our southern friends know that this earlier maturity is a long-ago established fact as regards seed corn and seed potatoes from the North; but the plant-trade is of a much more recent growth. Last spring a southern station ordered a number of strawberry varieties of us with which to compete with the same varieties from the South, and we may expect to hear more about it in the future.

It may be urged that we are too far north to enable us to furnish plants, in any considerable quantities, for the extreme South, since we can not dig in the spring until the frost is out

of the ground; but it is to be remembered that our plants are then in a dormant state — the best possible condition — and are safer to plant than stock of a more advanced growth. In the middle South, where our trade is large, and growing rapidly, we are nearly always able to supply stock as soon as our customers there are ready for it. This trade was secured at first largely by parties who had ordered our northern-grown plants for filling in or resetting their ground where the stand was not satisfactory, and who have remained our customers. To those who have never tried our *northern-grown plants* we say, why not delay your planting a few days, if necessary, giving your ground an extra preparation, when, for our part, we will do our best to get you the plants in good time? and we think you will not regret the extra work on the ground if it is necessary to wait a little for the plants.

WATFORD ROAD, KINGS NORTON, ENGLAND,  
April 14, 1900.

Flansburgh & Peirson, Leslie, Mich., U. S. A.

*Gentlemen:*—Plants came to hand first delivery this morning. That is 12 days on the way, in good condition, and seem very nice; have good roots, tops of plants still green. I hope to have success with them.

Yours truly,

H. J. GUEST.

Independence, Iowa, Mar. 23, 1900.

*Friend Flansburgh:*—Please send me another catalog. I have just handed the one I had to the steward of the hospital for the insane here, who wants 25,000 strawberry-plants. We declined to put in a bid, as we prefer to grow berries. I recommended you to him as thoroughly reliable, and advised him to accept your bid, even if it should be higher than others.

Yours truly,

G. D. BLACK.

Stanwich, Conn., June 25, 1900.

*Gentlemen:*—The strawberry-plants I had from you were the nicest I ever received, and every one is alive. Of a thousand received from Delaware, the week before, only a fraction over two hundred are alive. Please send me your price list next spring.

Respectfully, MRS. A. W. CLARE.

Colati, Cal., Oct. 22, 1900.

*Dear Sirs:*—I sent to you for strawberry-plants about five years ago, and had the best of luck with them. Now I would like to try some of your new raspberries. I don't like Cuthbert for family garden. I inclose \$1.00 for some Columbian Purple Cap, and some good red variety. Please send by mail immediately if you can.

Yours truly,

A. H. STEVENS.

—, Iowa, July 23, 1900.

*Gentlemen:*—Please send me your catalog. I will need about 10,000 or 15,000 plants for next year's delivery. I have been getting your plants through another nursery company and like your plants very much. It might be I could use 25,000 of your plants next spring. Trusting I may hear from you soon I am

Yours truly,

WM. H. SAPP.

Glendale, O., Apr. 23, 1900.

*Gentlemen:*—Mr. Granville Cowing, of Muncie, Ind., has directed me to send to you for genuine plants of Brunett strawberry, saying *I would be sure to get the genuine article*. Following his advice I inclose \$1.00 for which please send Brunett plants by express, and oblige

Yours truly,

T. R. BERRY.

Mitchellville, Ia., May 5, 1900.

*Dear Sirs:*—Your strawberry-plants were fine; nearly every one of the 700 lived. The potatoes came yesterday, and a letter a week ago, and got lost before I saw it. I suppose it contained the bill. Please look up the account and write me a duplicate letter, and oblige

Yours truly,

G. S. FOX.

Mt. Carroll, Ill., Mar. 23, 1900.

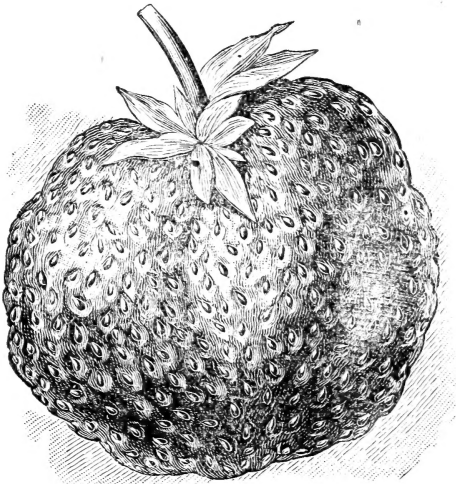
*Gentlemen:*—Two years ago I ordered strawberry-plants of you, and they were fine. Now I have recommended you to the following persons who would like strawberries, but say they can not raise them. The first two made several attempts, and it was the same each year. All they could get was little warty berries. They got their plants from the home berry-growers. I told them you would send them plants that would produce a crop of fine berries, and they wanted me to write to you and send you their addresses, which are as follows: . . . The selection of varieties is to be left with you. Yours truly,

REV. AARON GOOD.

## Varieties.

The following varieties, and those contained in our price list on another page, we believe to possess sufficient merit to entitle them to a place in a carefully selected list. It is our business to secure and test the most promising new varieties, and we have in limited supply many sorts not listed; but should a customer desire any sort for testing, that is offered to the trade, although not here cataloged, we will undertake to supply it, either from our own grounds or from the introducer, at lowest rates. We do not, however, buy plants for re-shipment.

Varieties marked P. are pistillate, or with imperfect blossom, and require that every second or third row at most shall be a staminate, marked S., or with perfect blossom, in order to fertilize properly.



**Rough Rider, S.**—Originated in Oswego County, N. Y., by Chas. Learned, a leading grower of that famous strawberry locality. A seedling of the Eureka, fertilized by Gandy. Prolific runner, like the Eureka; the individual plant closely resembles the Gandy in leaf and stock. Enormously productive, hardy, and free from disease. Berries very large, roundish, but somewhat flattened and pointed. Color, dark-red, like Gandy. The latest and firmest strawberry in existence; was shipped to New York and Boston in 1899, and sold for nearly double most varieties. Of seventeen crates sold in Boston, July 1, three brought 20 cents per quart, and the rest from 16 to 18 cents wholesale. Although the past season was earlier than usual, good pickings were made until near Aug. 1. It was shipped without ice, July 12, 350 miles, in an ordinary express car, and sold for 12 cents per quart. Its blossom is perfect. **INTRODUCER.**

"This variety begins to ripen rather late; in fact, it is not much in evidence until July. It continues, however, until all other varieties are gone. It is very large; the color is rich, and the berries are the firmest of any strawberry we have ever seen. Long after most straw-

berry-men were through picking, the originator was drawing loads of these berries to our station for shipment to Boston and New York, where they sold from 12 to 20 cents per quart. As high as 17 crates were picked from the half-acre patch in one day. They were shipped to Boston the second week in July in an ordinary baggage-car, without refrigeration, and sold for 12 cents per quart."—*From a letter in American Agriculturist.*

[We fruited a few plants of the Rough Rider in our new setting. The berries were dark-red, large, and handsome, and produced in abundance from each plant we had reserved when we picked the blossoms. They are very much darker in color than the Gandy, but from this meager test we could not tell if it is later in ripening, or how much later. All the signs indicate that it is a fine variety. We bought 600 plants of the introducer last spring, and they have made a fine growth. They were about the largest and longest rooted plants we have ever received from abroad, of any variety.]

**August Luther, S**—Originated by A. Luther, of Missouri, and grown by him for a number of years as a market berry, but not offered for sale until last spring. The following is from Bulletin 85, page 14, 1897:

"August Luther, perfect, unnamed seedling; plants vigorous and prolific; berries medium to large; conical, usually with long slender point, bright scarlet color; flesh light red, of good quality; valuable because of earliness; is far more prolific than Michel's Early, and far larger; earlier, larger, and more prolific than Rio. It is regarded as the best early variety tested at the United States Agricultural Station."

From M. Crawford's, July Report for 1900:

"This season has satisfied me that we have at least two new early varieties that will take the place of Michel's Early, Beder Wood, and others of the Crescent style, that have for a number of years been the standard early kinds. These are the August Luther and Johnson's Early. Neither of these is to be compared with the Marshall in size, beauty, and quality, but both are earlier and more productive, and both will be popular with growers who do not desire to give the high culture which the Marshall really requires."

[Mr. G. W. Howard, a fruit grower and a strawberry-specialist of Michigan, wrote us last spring that the August Luther was a good thing. We set about all the plants we had of it, and none were left to fruit.]

**Morgan's Favorite, S.**—Plants large and healthy; fruit *extra* large; broad-conical in form, and light-red in color; flesh white; good quality, and productive. We fruited this for the first time last season in a small way. The above is from notes taken in the field, June 9.

**Repeater, S.**—Early, productive; berries medium to large; not extra large nor small;

bright-red in color, with golden seeds; heart-shape; red flesh; quite firm, and of good quality; plants medium size; foliage clean and healthy; a good grower—not so rampant as Crescent, but fully as productive of fruit, and earlier. This variety was said to produce two crops in one season. We have not tried it in that way, as our plants are always turned under after fruiting; but after growing the variety two seasons, and fruiting it once, we are inclined to think it has the ability to do so if any variety has, and we shall give it a trial the coming season.

**Marie, P.**—Grown from seed of Crescent, fertilized with Cumberland in 1892. As a seedling it showed great promise. We planted for field culture as soon as enough plants were obtained, and as yet have failed to detect any weak points in either fruit or plant of this grand variety. The plants are good growers, making plenty of runners for a good crop, and show no signs of disease. The blossom is imperfect; season same as Bubach and Haverland; fully as large as Bubach, Glen Mary, or Brandywine, and yielding with any variety in our 40-acre plantation. Besides, it is the most attractive in appearance when picked and ready for market of any in our entire collection. The berries are as round as a ball, dark-crimson in color; flesh dark, and quality first-class, holding up in size to the very last pickings. With it we are holding a fancy trade in the Dayton markets, and always get the highest market price.—**ORIGINATOR'S DESCRIPTION.**

[In a letter from the introducer to the trade, Mr. W. N. Scarff, of Ohio, under date of Oct. 16, 1900, says: "Marie fully sustained every claim made for it in this season's fruiting. You need not hesitate in recommending it."]

[Our plants were received last spring, and have made a fine growth. One plant left to fruit produced one large handsome berry, which is about all we can say of it ourselves at present, except that we believe so prominent a dealer as Mr. Scarff would not wish to have it introduced if it were not something extra.]

**Leroy, P.**—Our attention was called to this variety a year ago by a customer who inquired for it, having noticed the favorable report given in our Michigan Experiment Station Bulletin No. 176, for Oct., 1899, which is as follows:

"Leroy—Vigor, 9.5; productiveness, 9.5; size, large; quality, 9; firmness, 9," and further adds: "A variety not widely known. The plants are of strong growth, and productive of large-sized fruits that are of good color, high quality, and firm—a good market berry."

[Not fruited here; but, judging from the above report, it is one of the good ones. The habit and growth of the plants are all that could be desired.]

**Emperor, S., and Empress, S.**—These are both perfect-blossomed varieties, and both are much like the Morgan as fruited here last season. All three are *extra* large berries. The Empress is a little darker in color. These varieties have received much praise from high

authorities, of which, we judge from once fruiting, they are well deserving.

Twilight and Livingston were both dug too close for plants to enable us to report on them. We were obliged to order our whole stock of the Livingston for our own resetting from the introducer, at a much higher price than we listed them in our catalog. They were both introduced by the same party whose description we again submit:

**Twilight, S.**—The Twilight carries the most potent pollen of any strawberry that I have ever fruited, and I use this variety alone to pollinize the Warfield and earlier pistillate varieties, as I can get twice the amount of berries from the Warfield the first two pickings, when pollinized with the Twilight, than when pollinized with any other variety.

It is two days earlier than Michel's Early, and twice as productive; size, the same as Warfield; beautiful glossy crimson color, and ripens two-thirds of its crop the first five days of the season. It is the earliest profitable berry known.

It is a good plant-maker, with heavy healthy foliage, and magnificent root system, enabling it to withstand drouth remarkably well. I have tested this berry with all the early berries in existence except the Excelsior, and it will produce more berries before the Warfield comes in than all of them together. It succeeds best on a light soil.—**INTRODUCER.**

**Livingston, S.**—This magnificent berry was originated in 1889 by Mr. C. W. Middleton, who is probably the most expert strawberry-grower in the Central States, and is now for the first time offered to the general public. It is a seedling of the Warfield. No. 2, pollinized by Jessie and possibly some half a dozen other varieties. It is a vigorous healthy plant, with very thick, leathery, dark-green leaves that never damp off under mulch. It forms splendid crowns, and roots very deep.

The berry is a beautiful scarlet, and possesses a luster that I have never seen on any other berry, that gives a well-filled crate of the berries the appearance of being constantly swept by flames. Its quality is the very best. The shape is similar to the Warfield, but more full at the point. In size it equals the best specimens of the Jessie, and, with the exceptions of its quality and appearance, its greatest value lies in the fact that its size increases as the season advances.

It begins ripening with the Warfield, and continues to produce about the same amount of berries each day for from 25 to 30 days, when its season ends as suddenly as it began. Seeds are golden colored and prominent. It is as firm as the Warfield, and a splendid plant-maker. It does equally well on clay loam or rich sandy soil.—**INTRODUCER.**

**W. J. Bryan, S.**—Plants received from J. M. Green, of Salem, Ill., in the spring of 1899. The fruit is large, heart-shape, and very uniform; of a glossy bright-red color and good quality. The plants are clean and healthy. Midseason

**Gladstone, S.**—After we had made our planting last spring, our customers took all



we had left of this variety, except an isolated plant here and there that had been partially covered with soil in digging, and overlooked. These few plants, however, produced quite a number of extra-large bright-colored sweet berries, resembling the Sharpless, but nearly twice as large. The plants are large and stocky, and it is a thrifty grower. From the many good reports of the Gladstone, and our own observation, we have reason to believe it is an excellent variety.

**Pocomoke, S.**—If you are looking for a variety to take the place of the old Wilson, try the Pocomoke, of which it is undoubtedly a seedling; but the plant is a better grower, with a perfectly healthy and a more luxuriant foliage, and a splendid root system. The fruit is large, roundish, heart-shape—larger than the Wilson, of a deep dark-red color; firm and solid, and of good quality. It ripens about with the Wilson, and the fruit is produced in greater abundance, and continues large to the end of the season. We feel sure it is a worthy variety, and will prove more satisfactory in many ways than that old-time variety.

**Gibson, S.**—Plants large and thrifty—a good grower; fruit large, brilliant-red color; flesh white and quite firm for so large a berry; excellent flavor. It closely resembles the Marshall in both plant and fruit; but it makes plants more freely, and has a light-colored flesh. It is about the same season as the Marshall.

**Bennett, P.**—Fruited here on spring-set plants only. Berries dark-red, longish heart-shape, and solid red flesh; good quality. It is an ideal plant-maker—not too many nor too few, and seems to be very productive.

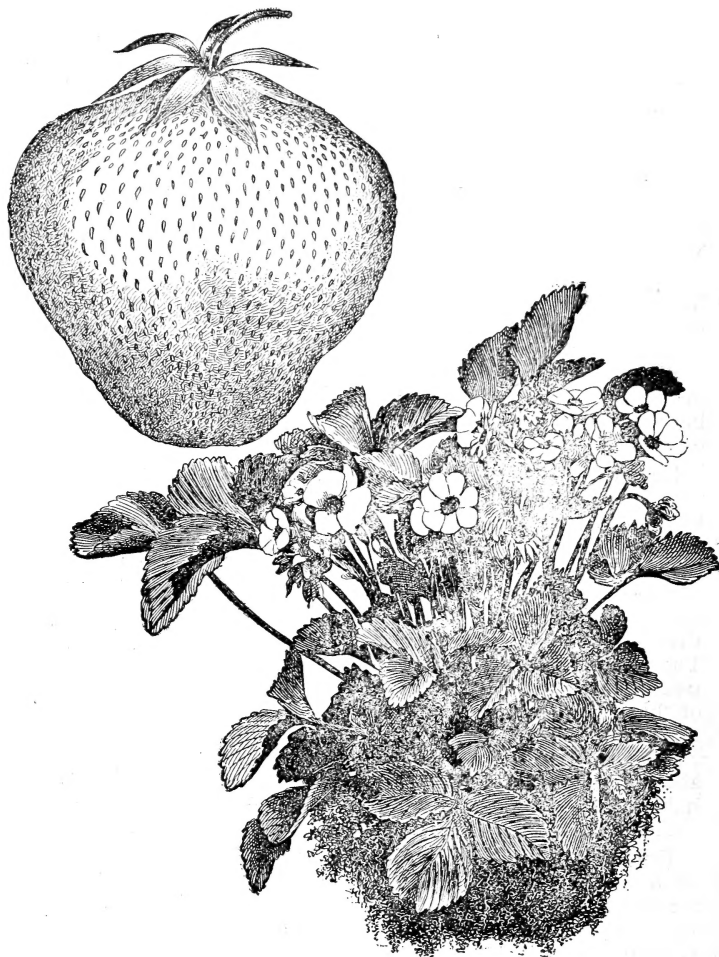
**Klondike, S.**—Fruit medium to large size; color a dark-red when ripe; shape round, usually, but sometimes uneven; flesh red and solid, and of good quality; quite productive; a valuable variety because of its season, which is very late. M. Crawford says in his July report, "It has all the points of a good late variety, and may be planted with confidence. Under similar conditions it will bear more fruit, and of better quality, than the Hunn; but it is not quite so late. It is as late as Gandy, more productive, of as good quality, but I have not seen it as fine in size and appearance."

[The Hunn was a disappointment on our grounds, and we discarded it some time ago. Those who have found the Gandy not at its best on their grounds should try the Klondike.]

**Parson's Beauty, S.**—Plants clean and healthy, large and well rooted, making full even rows. The fruit is said to be large and showy, bright-red in color, and quite tart, ranking as medium quality, and recommended as a market variety more than for home use. Not fruited here.

**Hero, S.**—Introduced last season at \$1.00 each, and \$5 00 per dozen, and not sold in larger quantities. The fruit is said to be large, well formed, of a dark-red color and red flesh, and of most excellent quality. The short row is well set, with thrifty, large-sized plants that are clean and healthy.

**Pennell, S.**—Fruit large, nearly round (see cut, which is reproduced from a photograph). They were all large berries, and no small ones as fruited here, and exceedingly uniform, both in shape and size; color, a dark red. It is a handsome berry, and of the very highest quality. We have never seen its equal for quality among cultivated varieties. It is a good plant-maker, beginning to throw out runners when



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it begins to bloom. It bore a good crop here last season, and we like it. We should class it an ideal variety for the family garden, while the fruit is firm enough to ship, and attractive enough to sell in any market. Midseason.

**New York, S.**—Fruit said to be very large, of regular conical form, and of good quality and flavor. The plants are large and well rooted. Not fruited here.

**Johnson's Early, S.**—A great plant-maker; fruit of good size for a very early berry; bright-red color, and fair quality. An eastern variety that is being extensively planted for the early market.

**Hawaii, S.**—From seed of the Haverland with the Parker Earle, from specially selected seed of exceptionally fine specimens of fruit, grown for the purpose, in 1895, on my farm; one of twelve selected from about five hundred seedlings. Blossoms large, strongly staminate, extremely early, habit of fruit much like the Haverland, though a much stronger grower and faster plant-maker, not quite as large foliage. In shape of fruit it combines the best of that of both parents, making it a most remarkably symmetrically formed berry—balloon-shaped, without the basket. In color it is a very bright glossy crimson—very attractive-looking. Its flesh is red all the way through; melting, juicy, with a pineapple flavor; one of the best quality berries I ever tasted. Many who have tasted it declare it to be the very best. In size, medium; season, the very earliest ever fruited here; very productive; will carry as well as the Parker Earle. It is the best all-around, first early berry I ever grew.—INTRODUCER.

[Not fruited here.]

**Porto Rico, P.**—This is another seedling of the Haverland with the Parker Earle, originating at the same time and in the same way as did the Hawaii, but it shows more of the characteristics of the Parker Earle. Habit of plant very much indeed like the P. E., but not so much inclined to rust, not quite so upright a grower, nor does it have so much of a stooling habit. Its fruit is also very much like that berry, however, being larger, rounder, brighter red inside and out, better quality, and, instead of the tip having the appearance of being cut off, it has the appearance of an over-filled bag with its opening drawn together by strings, giving it a very peculiar though not an ugly appearance. The seeds are very prominent, and give a prickly sensation to the touch. It seems to be of more merit than the Parker Earle as a long-distance shipping berry. It seems to do the best on stiff clay. All should try it this season. It is a good thing here.—INTRODUCER.

[Not yet fruited here.]

**Springdale Beauty, S.**—A new variety from Arkansas, and is supposed to be a cross between the Crescent and Wilson. It bears a perfect bloom, ripens with the Crescent, and continues about as long. The plants are hardy and productive; they root deep, and stand the drouth well. The fruit is borne on tall stems which hold it well up from the sand and

dirt below. The berry is perfect in shape, beautiful in color, enormous in size, and very prolific. It ripens all over at once, and holds its size well to the end. As a keeper it is wonderful, having been shipped from here two hundred miles west of Omaha, Neb., and arrived in splendid condition.—INTRODUCER.

[We fruited this variety on a few spring-set plants only, and, of course, the berries were not enormous in size, as stated above, but they were fair size, and very bright-red, and beautiful. It struck us that this variety was exceedingly productive.]

**Jerry Rusk, S.**—Fruit large and well colored; a dark glossy red; fine quality, and attractive; plants large and stocky—a strong healthy grower. The variety is productive, and largely planted where best known. Midseason.

**Sample, P.**—Berries large, brilliant red; heart-shape, glossy; solid light-red flesh; good quality, and productive—a good-sized plant, and a good grower. Midseason.

**McKinley, S.**—Plant large and healthy; fruit large, dark-red, and firm; of good form and quality; one of the most productive as well as one of the finest of all large berries. Midseason.

**Improved Parker Earle, S.**—About the same as the older variety, which still maintains its reputation for productiveness on good soil, and as one of the best for hill culture. Season medium to late.

**Excelsior, S.**—A most abundant plant-maker; fruit of good size, roundish heart-shape, and very uniform. Color is a dark red throughout; quite firm, and fairly productive. Early.

**Brownie, S.**—Will be discarded here.

**H. & H., P.**—Fruit medium size, usually heart-shape, but somewhat uneven; very bright-red in color, and a good looker; an abundant plant-maker, and quite productive; of medium quality and firmness. Second Early.

[Not fruited here. The plants of this variety that we offered last spring were ordered of the M. Crawford Co., as was also the stock for our own setting. We have a fairly good supply for the spring trade.]

**Margaret, S.**—An extraordinarily beautiful berry of good quality, and quite productive under high culture. Season late.

**Clyde, S.**—The most celebrated and popular variety among the recent introductions. We have fruited the Clyde five years with greatest satisfaction. Medium early.

**Seaford, P. (Lloyd).**—A pistillate variety of the most robust type; plant large and healthy; fruit large and firm; color a bright red; good quality; productive and reliable. Midseason. A good market berry.

**Haverland, P.**—A very productive and reliable near-market sort. Season early to late. Can quote in 50,000 lots if desired.

**Bubach, P.**—A well-known near-market variety. Medium early. We have a large stock.

**Senator Dunlap, S.**—Again we quote from M. Crawford's July Report for 1900:

"To me the most important result of my observations this season is the conviction that the Senator Dunlap is now the greatest all-around variety ever introduced. What I have seen and heard heretofore led me to this belief, and now it is confirmed. I believe the Senator Dunlap will take its place, not with the Haverland, Bubach, and Clyde (for it is in a class above them), but at the top of the class that contains the Wm. Belt, Sample, and Nick Ohmer. In size it is not the equal of any of these; but, aside from size, it has more to recommend it than any other variety now on the market, with which I am acquainted. It

**Glen Mary, S.**—Blossoms imperfect, bisexual, having small stamens. Fruit is of large size, dark bright-red in color; quite firm, and of good quality; very productive and reliable. Midseason.

**Gandy, S.**—The standard late variety at the North. We have about two acres of this variety alone. The plants are in great demand.

**Beder Wood, S.**—The most productive early variety among the standards; a good fertilizer, and a reliable market sort. Early.

**Patrick, S.**—A vigorous, healthy grower, and a prolific bearer of good-sized berries resembling the Haverland, of which it is a seed-



SENATOR DUNLAP.

is of the Warfield type; has a perfect blossom; is hardy, productive, a splendid keeper, and able to hold its 'own under any rough-and-tumble' methods of culture to which it is likely to be subjected. The plant is one of the toughest I ever saw. Plants grown from cuttings from the runners that hung over the sides of the baskets of plants shipped here from Illinois last summer grew well and showed no signs of weakness, although crowded together in a frame where they were first planted. So far there has been no sign of rust. The plant is wonderfully productive, and generally brings every berry to maturity. The berry resembles the Warfield in size and color; ripens at the same time, and remains in bearing until late. It is most beautiful in form and color; has a slight neck; is easily picked and hulled. The originator of the Warfield had the Senator Dunlap in bearing this summer, and, comparing it with the Warfield, found it to be sweeter and a better keeper. Those who grow berries for exhibition will not find the Senator Dunlap what they want; but, except in size, it is unsurpassed."

**Ridgeway, S.**—Fruit large, round and smooth, bright and glossy; plants healthy and vigorous; one of the finest varieties in cultivation for a near market. Midseason.

ling; a northern berry that promises to be for this section what the Michel's Early is for the South—very productive and reliable. Early.

**Cobden Queen, P.**—Fruit large, nearly round, dark bright red color, glossy and beautiful, good quality. Plant vigorous, healthy, and productive. The variety is largely grown in Illinois for shipment to Chicago, where, according to reports, it sells at an advanced price. Second early.

**Nick Ohmer, S.**—A large, handsome, showy berry of extra-high quality. It demands good soil and high cultivation. Medium to late.

**Brandywine, S.**—Large, late, and productive; plants vigorous and healthy; popular and reliable in nearly all sections.

**Marshall, S.**—Large and showy—as fine a variety as grown here, but not a success on ordinary ground and under ordinary culture.

Taberg, N. Y., May 7, 1900.

Dear Sirs:—I wish to return you many thanks for the way you corrected the error in count of plants. I don't think any were stolen from the basket, because it came in good condition, and well packed. The package by mail came in fine shape. You will certainly receive orders from me again. Wishing you much success I am

Yours sincerely,  
JOSEPH PRIOR.

## Price List.

**Six of One Sort at Dozen Rate; 50 at 100 Rate; 500 at 1000.**

|                            | Postpaid.<br>12 100 | Exp. unpaid.<br>100 1000 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| August Luther, S.....      | \$ 20 \$1 00        | \$ 75 \$ 4 00            |
| Atlantic, S.....           | 20 75               | 50                       |
| Bubach, P.....             | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Brandywine, S.....         | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Brunette, S.....           | 20 75               | 50                       |
| Beder Wood, S.....         | 20 65               | 40 2 75                  |
| Bismarck, S.....           | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Bennett, P.....            | 30 1 50             | 1 25 6 00                |
| Bush Cluster, P.....       | 30 1 50             | 1 25                     |
| Clyde, S.....              | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Cobden Queen, P.....       | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Cyclone, S.....            | 20 65               | 40                       |
| Crescent, P.....           | 20 65               | 40 2 50                  |
| Carrie, P.....             | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Emperor, S.....            | 30 1 50             | 1 25 6 00                |
| Empress, S.....            | 30 1 50             | 1 25 6 00                |
| Excelsior, S.....          | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Elba, S.....               | 25 75               | 50                       |
| Enormous, P.....           | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Enhance, S.....            | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Fountain, S.....           | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Gladstone, S.....          | 25 1 00             | 75 4 00                  |
| Greenville, P.....         | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Gertrude, S.....           | 25 75               | 50                       |
| Gibson, S.....             | 25 1 25             | 1 00 6 00                |
| Glen Mary, S.....          | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Gandy, S.....              | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Haverland, P.....          | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Henry, S.....              | 25 75               | 50 4 00                  |
| Howell's, S.....           | 25 75               | 50                       |
| Hero, S.....               | 2 00                |                          |
| Hawaii, S.....             | 30 1 50             | 1 25                     |
| Imp. Parker Earle, S.....  | 25 1 00             | 75 4 00                  |
| Johnson's Early, S.....    | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Jerry Rusk, S.....         | 25 75               | 50 3 00                  |
| Jessie, S.....             | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Jersey Queen, P.....       | 25 75               | 50                       |
| Klondike, S.....           | 20 75               | 50 3 00                  |
| Livingston, S.....         | 25 75               | 50 4 00                  |
| Lovett, S.....             | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Leo, S.....                | 25 75               | 50                       |
| Leroy, P.....              | 30 1 50             | 1 25 6 00                |
| Morgan, S.....             | 25 1 00             | 75                       |
| Marshall, S.....           | 20 75               | 50 3 50                  |
| Michel's Early, S.....     | 20 65               | 40 2 50                  |
| McKinley, S.....           | 20 75               | 50 3 50                  |
| Margaret, S.....           | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Maximus, S.....            | 25 1 25             | 1 00                     |
| Marie, P.....              | 50 2 50             | 2 25 12 50               |
| Mexican, S.....            | 20 75               | 50                       |
| Mary, P.....               | 20 75               | 50                       |
| Nick Ohmer, S.....         | 20 75               | 50 3 00                  |
| New York, S.....           | 30 1 50             | 1 25                     |
| Pennell, S.....            | 40 2 00             | 1 75 10 00               |
| Patrick, S.....            | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Parker Earle, S.....       | 25 75               | 50 3 00                  |
| Pride of Cumberland S..... | 20 75               | 50 3 50                  |
| Pocomoke, S.....           | 25 1 00             | 75                       |
| Parson's Beauty, S.....    | 25 1 25             | 1 00                     |
| Porto Rico, P.....         | 30 1 50             | 1 25                     |
| Repeater, S.....           | 40 2 00             | 1 75                     |
| Rough Rider, S.....        | 75 3 25             | 3 00                     |
| Ruby, S.....               | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Ridgeway, S.....           | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Sharpless, S.....          | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Sheppard, P.....           | 30 1 50             | 1 25                     |
| Springdale, Beauty, S..... | 50 2 50             | 2 25                     |
| Starr, S.....              | 20 75               | 50                       |
| Stapless, S.....           | 20 75               | 50                       |
| Sample, P.....             | 20 75               | 50 3 00                  |
| Seaford, P. (L'ovd).....   | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Senator Dunlap, S.....     | 30 1 50             | 1 25 10 00               |
| Saunders, S.....           | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Twilight, S.....           | 25 75               | 50 4 00                  |
| Triumph de Gand.....       | 25 75               | 50                       |
| Uncle Jim, S.....          | 1 00 5 00           |                          |
| Vories, S.....             | 20 65               | 40                       |
| W. J. Bryan, S.....        | 40 2 00             | 1 75                     |
| Wolverton, S.....          | 20 65               | 40 3 00                  |
| Warfield, P.....           | 20 65               | 40 2 50                  |
| Wm. Belt, S.....           | 25 65               | 40 3 00                  |

## Special Offers.

\$1.00 COLLECTIONS BY MAIL, POSTPAID.

**No. 1.**—12 August Luther, 12 McKinley, 12 Klondike, 12 Excelsior, 6 Repeater, 6 Emperor, 6 Empress, 6 Pocomoke.

**No. 2.**—12 Bennett, 12 Gibson, 12 Senator Dunlap, 12 Pennell, 6 Rough Rider.

**No. 3.**—12 Leroy, 12 W. J. Bryan, 12 Marie, 3 Hero.

**No. 4.**—12 Hawaii, 12 Porto Rico, 12 Sheppard, 12 Springdale Beauty, 6 New York.

**No. 5.**—12 Parson's Beauty, 12 Bush Cluster, 12 Morgan, 12 Maximus, 12 Johnson's Early, 12 Gladstone, 12 Sample.

**ORDER BY NUMBER.** We can not make substitution in these bargain collections.

\$2.50 COLLECTION BY EXPRESS, NOT PAID.

50 August Luther, 50 Gladstone, 50 Sample, 50 Pennell, 50 Klondike, 6 Rough Rider, 6 Senator Dunlap, 6 Repeater, 6 Marie, 6 Pocomoke.

\$5.00 COLLECTION BY EXPRESS, NOT PAID.

100 Pennell, 100 Pocomoke, 100 Gladstone, 100 Sample, 12 Rough Rider, 12 Marie, 12 Repeater, 12 Senator Dunlap, 12 Hawaii, 12 New York, 12 Gibson, 6 Hero.

## Raspberry-plants.

**Cumberland** (black cap).—A new variety that is coming to the front with rapid strides. Its chief points of merit are, extreme vigor and hardness of cane; large size of the fruit, and great productiveness. Per dozen, postpaid, 75 cents; per 100, by express, \$3.00; \$25.00 per 1000.

**Conrath** (black cap).—Per dozen, postpaid, 50 cents; per 100, by express, \$1.00.

**Kansas** (black cap).—Per dozen, postpaid, 50 cents; per 100, by express, \$1.00.

**Gregg** (black cap).—Per dozen, postpaid, 50 cents; per 100 by express, \$1.00.

**Munger** (black cap).—Per dozen, postpaid, 50 cents; 100 by express, \$1.00.

**New King** (red).—This variety came through the winter of 1899 without a mark, when a great part of our Loudens and Columbians were badly injured, and our Cuthberts were killed to the ground. It is a healthy, vigorous grower, and a good bearer of large bright-colored fruit. Altogether, we think it is the best red variety in the market—quite early. Per dozen, postpaid, 50 cents; per 100 by express, \$2.00.

**Louden** (red).—Per doz., postpaid, 40 cts.; per 100 by express, \$1.00.

**Columbian** (purple cap).—Per dozen, postpaid, 50 cents; per 100 by express, \$1.50.

**The New Cardinal** (purple cap).—This variety, as fruited here last season, did not meet the great claims of the introducer, of whom we got our plants. We notice it is being extensively advertised by some of our competitors, and we shall give it further trial. Price 25 cents each.

## Pansy=plants.

**Selected mixed.**—This mixture is made up of the most popular French, German, and English pansies (in equal mixture) as follows: Improved Trimardeau, Mammoth Parisian, Imperial German and English fancy mixed. Transplanted, per dozen, postpaid, 25 cents.

## Gladiolus Bulbs.

We have taken great pains and much pride in improving our standard mixture. It is sure to please.

**Standard mixture**—by express.

**No. 1** (large bulbs), per dozen, 25 cts.; per 100, \$1.50.

**No. 2** (medium size), per dozen, 20 cts.; per 100, \$1.00.

If wanted by mail, add 1 cent for No. 1 bulbs, and half a cent for the No. 2.

## Vegetable=plants.

As many of our customers grow celery and cabbage as well as fruits and potatoes, we thought best to furnish such as wish them, with strong outdoor-grown plants

As we have no greenhouses we can not furnish early plants. We have just the proper soil for raising vegetable-plants to perfection, and shall use the same care in grading and packing them that we do with our fruit-plants, and can guarantee them to carry any reasonable distance, and arrive in good condition. Having been quite extensively interested in celery and cabbage growing for several years we have found the following varieties to be desirable:

### Celery.

**White Plume.**—This is undoubtedly the most easily grown variety in cultivation, as it is nearly self-blanching.

**New Winter Queen.**—This is our favorite variety for late fall and winter use, being a strong grower, and producing a broad, creamy-white stalk, of the very finest flavor, and so brittle that it needs careful handling to prevent breaking. With White Plume for early, and the Winter Queen for late, you need nothing better.

**Kalamazoo.**—Similar to White Plume, but a better keeper; broader stalked, not so easily blanched.

### Cabbages.

**Winningstadt.**—This old and valuable variety is too well known to need any description.

**Market Garden No. 2.**—This new and valuable variety was recently given to the public by Johnson & Stokes, and we can truthfully say we regard it as the very best second-early variety we ever saw, producing *very* large rounded flat heads of the very best quality, and following the extra earlies very closely.

**Fotler's Brunswick.**—This is a short-stemmed, hard-heading variety, of good size

and very fine quality; matures medium early, and keeps well for winter use.

### Flat Dutch.

Cabbage-plants ready about May 25.

Celery-plants ready about June 15.

These dates are as early as we can grow plants in this climate, of sufficient size of root and top to transplant successfully.

Prices of celery and cabbage plants by mail, postpaid, 100, 50c; by express not prepaid, 100, 25c; 1000, \$1.75; 500 at 1000 rates.

## Seed Corn.

### New Klondike Field Corn.

We have, in past years, had many calls for seed corn, but have never been in position to offer any we considered worthy until now.

Last spring, after casting about for a new variety of superior merit, we secured a supply of seed of New Klondike field corn from Maule, who first offered it in 1898. While it requires, for full maturity of every ear on the hill, a few days more of "corn weather" than we usually get here, we are well pleased with it.

Among other things the introducer says of it: . . . "Mastodon on that farm had yielded for years never less than 90 to 125 bushels of shelled corn to the acre. New Klondike yielded 125 bushels per acre the first year it was tried there. Not only did New Klondike equal the best yield ever made by Mastodon, but it matured its crop two weeks earlier. . . ." Ears large to very large; cob very small; grain, a beautiful golden yellow, and we can truthfully say we never shelled any corn that would equal it. It is a dent variety, with some ears tending to hackberry; stalks quite tall, but not coarse for their height, and very leafy, making good fodder. Throws out an immense amount of brace roots which hold it up. Last season we found some stalks with large ears broken off by the wind, but very few blown down, while many fields in this section were laid flat by the wind. All things considered, with our one year's experience with it we believe it a grand variety for the enterprising corn-grower. At our State fair last fall we met several Michigan people who had tested it, who said it ripened with them, but we would not recommend it for points north of Ingham County until it becomes acclimated here. We have thoroughly ripened, kiln-dried seed, which we can furnish at the following prices:

By mail, postpaid, one quart, 30 cents; by express or freight, customers paying charges, 4 quarts, 50 cents; peck, 75 cents; ½ bushel, \$1.25; bushel, \$2.25; 2 bushels or more at \$2.00 per bushel. Sacks and bags free.

Bismark, N. Dak., June 23, 1900.

*Gentlemen:*—The 1000 celery-plants arrived to-day in excellent condition, four days on the road, and not a leaf wilted. Truly yours, JOHN W. MILLETT.

Glenwood, Mich., May 21, 1900.

*Gentlemen:*—Enclosed find \$1.00 for the Rough Rider strawberry-plants which I received promptly, together with the others. All are doing nicely.

Yours truly, J. A. JULIAN.

**There's extra money and satisfied customers for the gardener who grows King of Michigan potatoes.**



## Potato Department.

To our patrons in this department we wish to return our sincere thanks for the business they have given us, and the good things they have said of us in the past, all of which we hope we have merited. We enter upon the new century with the determination not only to sustain our present reputation with our customers and friends, but to push further toward the high mark of perfection in this special line.

For the season of 1901 we have a larger stock of better quality than ever before, and hope to add many new names to our already long list of customers and friends during the coming season. Every successful potato-grower knows that the first essential to successful potato-growing is good seed of good varieties properly selected. All such growers also know that Michigan leads in the production of such seed, and we know that this (Ingham) county produces as fine seed potatoes as any county in Michigan. We have never been troubled in the slightest degree with rot, which has been so prevalent in many parts of the United States, and feel we can assure you that, if you give us your order, we can furnish you stock free from the least taint of disease. We exercise the utmost care to secure pure stock, true to name, and to keep it so, and can and do, at all times, guarantee our stock just as represented.

We make no substitutions without the consent of our customers. Of course, be we never so careful, errors will occur which we are at all times ready to do our best to rectify. We hand-sort all of our stock into two grades, which we designate as No. 1 and No. 2. In our No. 1 we put only good form, fair-sized stock. In our No. 2 stock we put such as will not grade strictly No. 1, rejecting from both grades all particularly scabby or prongy tubers. This makes our No. 1 stock very fine; and as we do not put any thing into No. 2 stock that is too small for good seed, it is preferred by many of our customers, as they say it goes further in planting, is cheaper, and for one planting produces just as good a crop as No. 1. We presume this is all true; but as for ourselves, we do not advocate using inferior stock for planting, as the best is none too good for us. Our varieties have been selected from a long list of trials, and we believe them to be among the very best of their class. We list extra-early, early, medium and late varieties, covering the whole season of ripening. We wish to say right here that we never have had and never expect to have all the good qualities in one potato. We never expect to see an extra-early variety that will yield with the Carman No. 3, Sir Walter Raleigh, King of Michigan, and other all-the-season growers, nor a heavy-cropping late variety of as good quality as the Bovee, Early Michigan, Early Pride, etc.; but each variety in our list possesses desirable qualities or it could not have a place here. Our illustrations are from photographs of medium-sized tubers, and are as true to nature as

our artist can make them. We have no sympathy with the monstrous and unreasonable illustrations used by some "Jim Crow" dealers to catch the unwary. Our catalog is our salesman, and we believe the place to begin to be honorable with the public is in making that catalog. Our former customers know what to expect from us, and return to us from year to year as they need something in our line. To you who have not favored us with your orders in the past, we wish to say that we should be very thankful for your trade, and will do our very best to please you, both with our stock and treatment of your orders. We are always ready to answer any communication regarding any branch of our business, and should be glad to hear from you at any time that we can serve you.

Growing early potatoes is one of the most profitable items of "truck farming," from the fact that on suitable soil they can be harvested in time to plant the ground with celery, cucumbers, turnips, rutabagas, cabbage, or other vegetables, which the fertilizer applied for the potatoes should bring through in good shape, thus giving a double use of the ground the same season. If not desired for growing vegetables, the early-potato ground should be in as fine condition as summer-fallow to sow to winter grain, and the farmer be the early-potato crop ahead.

We begin shipping potatoes just as soon as, in our opinion, they are safe from frost; but orders from the far South may be shipped in lined barrels, between the cold snaps, before the time of general shipment.

We pack all stock in secure packages, and deliver to the railroad company in good order, when our responsibility ceases. But we hold ourselves ready to trace all shipments which do not arrive promptly, and do all we can to get stock to our customers on time.

We wish it distinctly understood that we deal in pure stock of the varieties listed. For seed purposes the value of our stock is not to be compared with that of potatoes picked up in the market, named at a guess, and sold as seed stock. Buy your seed potatoes of parties who make a business of growing them for you.

### Potato Scab.

At the State fairs last fall we promised many of our friends to give our remedy for this pest. Different remedies are recommended, but we use corrosive sublimate in solution, in the proportion of two ounces of the sublimate to fifteen gallons of water, and soak the potatoes an hour and a half.

If you have but few to treat, it may be conveniently done by placing them in a sack, and then placing the sack right in the solution. If a large quantity, a tank is very convenient. Dissolve the sublimate in hot water in a wooden or earthen vessel. Never use a metal dish for the purpose, as the

sublimate is a preparation of mercury, and will combine with the metal, destroying its utility.

Do not forget that the seed must be dried when taken from the solution, or cut and planted at once.

## A GRAND NEW SEEDLING.



KING OF MICHIGAN.

We have for years been buying and testing new varieties of potatoes, but have never entered the uncertain sphere of introducers until now. We have always been very careful not to recommend to the public anything that did not do well with us; and in introducing this new variety we feel warranted in commending it as a valuable acquisition, and as a sort that will please the people and prove a source of profit to them. We have for some time felt that the need of the potato-grower was a variety that would give a full crop of handsome tubers of high quality, which was medium in season, and which would at all times be sure to mature—one which the farmer could grow and harvest in time to seed his ground with wheat without being obliged to plant his potatoes when he was pushed with the work of getting in his other spring crops.

We believe we have this in the King of Michigan, which we will describe to you just as nearly as possible.

In season it is about a month earlier than such varieties as Rural New-Yorker; tops rampant, quick growers, very branching and heavy, giving plenty of leaf surface for the plants and some for the bugs; tubers oblong-flattened, eyes few, and mostly nearly even with the surface—some above; seed markings very plain, showing great vitality and strong

growing power; skin very white and thoroughly netted, yet so smooth that, when taken in the hand, feels almost like velvet; flesh very white and flaky, and of the very best of flavor when baked or boiled. Tubers grow fairly compact in the hill. This grand new candidate for public favor was originated by Marvin Bovee, of this State, who says that, in 1899, it outyielded all of Mr. Carman's varieties, which in itself is sufficient evidence that it is a producer. What more could be desired?

Our illustration is as fair and true a one as we know how to make. The basket used is an ordinary peck market basket, and by comparison and study you will be able to decide very closely as to size of tuber, eyes, etc. We do not claim for the King of Michigan that it will yield twice as much as any other variety grown, or produce tubers as large as pumpkins; but what we do claim is that it will yield abundantly of nice-sized (large enough) tubers of the very highest quality in about 80 or 90 days. The great bulk of the wealth of the producing class of this country is obtained by producing something which the people want which is of superior quality. The man who is enterprising, and grows potatoes of superior quality, always has a home demand for his product at a price in advance of the general market, and is not obliged to sell at a

**Plant Early Snowball potatoes for extra early.**

shipping station at such a price that two or more profits may be obtained before it reaches the consumer. Potatoes were cheap here last fall; but when they were worth 22 cents at the cars, growers of potatoes of better quality were selling all they had to spare, for family use, at 30 cents, with the result that they were getting a little profit out of their stock, while those who were obliged to sell to the shippers were coming out about even on their potato crop.

Now, friends, in which list will you be—with those who grow potatoes to come out even, or with those who grow potatoes at a profit? If the latter, you should at once secure seed of

the King of Michigan while it is new and full of vigor; for we assure you it is the variety which will catch the family trade; and all that are grown this season will be wanted for seed in 1902, at a good long price. Will you embrace this opportunity to "turn an honest penny?" While we are sanguine we have a valuable acquisition in the King of Michigan, we do not propose to make a prohibitive price, but to name a price within the reach of all. By mail, prepaid, 1 lb., 50 cents; 3 lbs., \$1.00. By express or freight, purchaser paying charges, 5 lbs., 50 cents; peck, \$1 00;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel, \$1.75; bushel, \$3.00; barrel, \$7.50.

## Extra-Early Varieties.



EARLY SNOWBALL.

We might, with as much propriety as some other extensive seed potato advertisers, call the two following varieties Flansburgh & Peirson's Earliest of All, as we certainly know of none earlier.

Both of the Triumph class originated by L. H. Reed, of Wisconsin, and for extra early we know of nothing superior.

**Early Snowball.**—Round, white, eyes few, and very shallow, seed-markings very distinct; in quality, very good; tops short and strong, indicating hardiness; yields well for so early a variety. As it and Early Pinkeye are very hardy they will bear planting very early.

**Early Pinkeye.**—The above cut of an Early Snowball just as well represents the Pinkeye, but is not just to either, as it is too small, many tubers being very much larger. As to earliness, habit of growth, shape, etc., all that is said of Early Snowball will as well apply to Early Pinkeye, but it is the handsomer potato of the two, being white with bright pink eyes, and blotches of the same color, making it a beautiful potato. By planting these two varieties you can be in market with "new potatoes" several days before your

neighbors, and be able to get your own price for your crop.

As these varieties grow a strong bush top they withstand the attacks of the bugs to a great degree, but should not be treated with a too strong solution of Paris green, which tends to premature ripening of any variety—the extra earlies especially.

**Pingree.**—We are pleased to give this variety the place of honor among early varieties, as another season's experience with it has convinced us it is one of the very best early potatoes in cultivation. Our first early planting for our truck wagon gave us many tubers weighing twelve ounces to one pound, and very few small ones.

Our seed stock was planted late, after we were through digging strawberry-plants from the field, and did not grow so large, but are a very fine bin of potatoes.

This grand variety originated with Marvin Bovee, the renowned Michigan specialist who originated the Bovee and the great King of Michigan, and we believe the day is not far distant when his name will occupy as honored a place as the originator of the Concord grape,

for he has certainly given the world three good things.

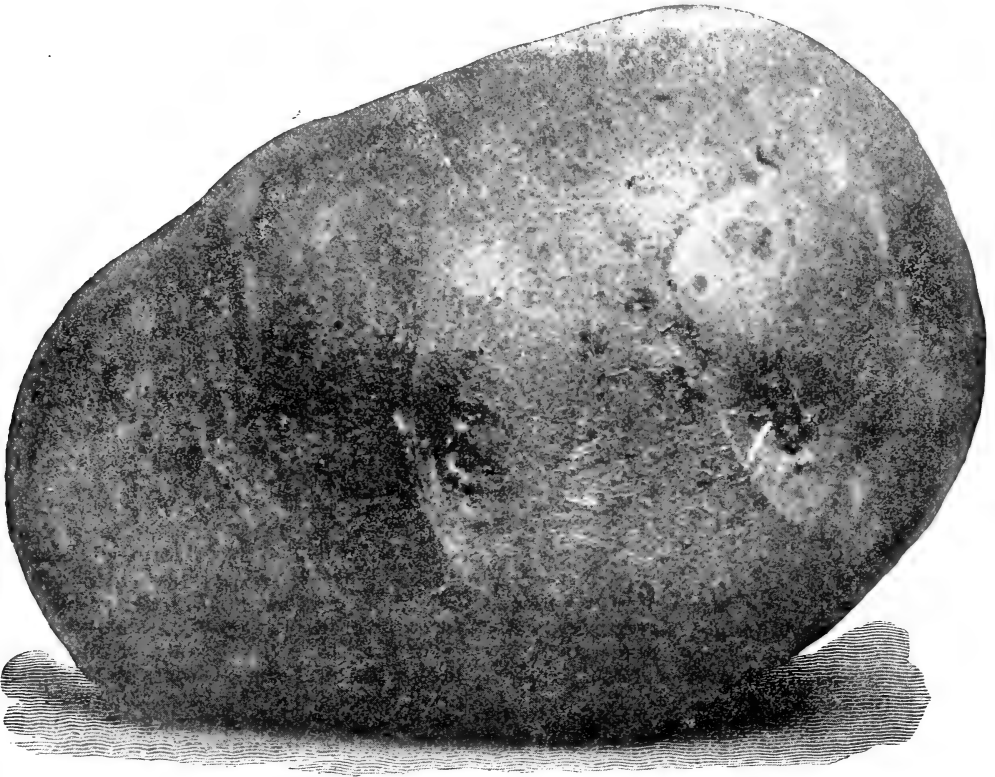
In color the Pingree is white with some tubers tending to the faintest shade of pink, owing to difference in soil or other conditions; oblong in form, with medium number of shallow eyes; tops light-green in color, medium in size; roots deep; produces plenty of tubers of the highest quality. Do not fail to try it.

**Early Harvest.**—In the Early Harvest we have a very smooth, white, extra-early potato, with a medium number of very shallow eyes, and of the very finest quality. The flesh is snow-white, and of the very finest flavor, and we consider it one of the very finest baking potatoes we ever saw. Is hardy, and a sure cropper, all of which makes it one of the most desirable in our list.

ing. It has now become quite generally known, and is the standard of red early varieties. It is of the Ohio class, but a very much better yielder with us than Early Ohio, which it closely resembles; is a grand variety for your own table, as it is of the very highest quality, and will keep until late in the spring without sprouting—a feature not to be overlooked.

**Bovee.**—This justly popular variety originated with Marvin Bovee, from whom it takes its name. Introduced in 1897 by Henderson.

Probably no other variety was ever so widely distributed the first three years after introduction. It is now grown almost all over the world where Irish potatoes are grown, and, so far as we know, is universally successful. Like all varieties it should have friable soil,



BOVEE.

**Early Michigan.**—We consider this a grand variety, and very early. It is round-oblong in shape; white netted skin, and few shallow eyes, making it smooth and handsome, and in quality unsurpassed. If you wish something good for your own table, and which you can sell a customer a second time, plant the Early Michigan, as, under fair conditions, it is a rampant grower, bountiful yielder, and a money-maker.

**Acme.**—Vaughn, the introducer, has kept this variety at the head of his list for several years, with the statement that it produces tubers fit for use in five weeks, and tops and tubers fully matured in nine weeks from plant-

ing, well enriched, and good cultivation, for best results. Tops medium in size, and quite bushy; tubers oblong-flattened, russety flesh color; eyes few, and not prominent; flesh white and flaky, and of the very best quality; season, early. Probably one of the best in our list as a money-maker under reasonably favorable conditions.

**Early Pride.**—We offered this variety last season, but it did not receive the attention which it deserves, and we ask you to take us at our word when we say it is one of the very best second-early varieties we know of, being a very strong grower, bountiful yielder, and good keeper of the very best of quality; rose

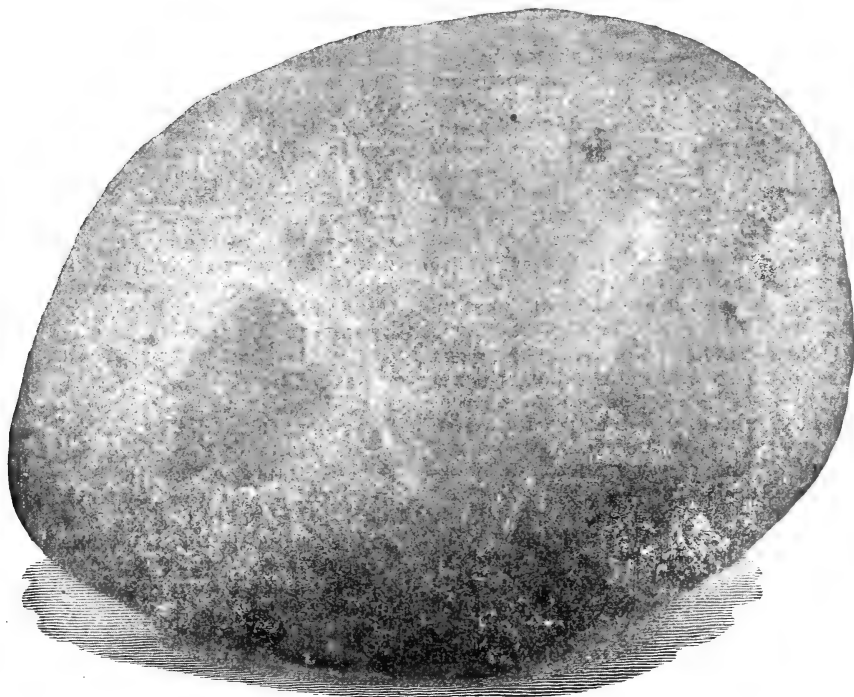
color, oblong to long in form; medium number of eyes which are just fairly prominent. It was one of our very best yielders the past season, and is about the finest stock in our storage. We know it must please you, and hope you will include it in your orders.

**Early Ohio and Early Rose.**—These two old standards are too well known to need any description. We have a fair supply of home-grown stock of these varieties which is very fine and prolific. As they are popular we would advise early orders.

**Vaughn's White Ohio.**—That potatoes do sport, there can be no question, especially with us, as last fall we found a genuine Pink-eye and a thoroughly red potato on the same parent stem.

**White Rose.**—A choice early white potato, which in habit of growth and form of tuber is identical with the old Early Rose, but several days earlier; of equally high quality, and superior in yield. If your market demands a white early potato this should entirely fill the bill. For fall and early winter use on your own table we have nothing better. Why not give it a trial?

Had E. S. Carman, now deceased, who was for years the great ruling spirit of that superb agricultural paper, the *Rural New-Yorker*, done nothing more for the tillers of the soil, his name would long have been remembered and revered by enterprising agriculturists as the originator of the four following varieties of potatoes, propagated by him, and introduc-



SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

In the White Ohio we have a white sport from the old Red Ohio, identical in growth, season, and quality with that popular sort, but white; and where white early potatoes of high quality are in demand this must be a money-maker. This was Vaughn's 1900 novelty.

**Honeoye Rose.**—This might justly be called a second edition of Early Rose, which it closely resembles in form, color, habit of growth, and quality; about the same in season, and fully equal to the Early Rose of years ago. We have put out a great quantity of this variety during the past three years, and have none but good reports from it. One man in Iowa reports that he could dig Honeoye Rose, grown from seed received from us, as fast as two men could pick them up. If you have use for a medium-early red potato of high quality, order Honeoye Rose.

ed in the order named: Rural New-Yorker No. 2; Carman No. 1; Carman No. 3, and Sir Walter Raleigh, which stand at the head wherever known. We are pleased to have a fine stock of them to offer our customers.

**Carman No. 1.**—A seedling of seedlings selected through several generations, with the object of developing good and suppressing undesirable qualities. Mr. Carman said, "It is the finest potato I ever saw." Season, medium. Vines grow to immense size, which branch and spread, covering the ground; tubers oblong-flattened in form; eyes, few and shallow; skin, white and well netted; and as it grows large, it is handsome and attractive in appearance, making it one of the very best market sorts. In quality, one of the best.

**Carman No. 3.**—After six years' trial this great main-crop potato stands at the head in



popularity, which is as it should be, as it is certainly a very hardy variety, and a great yielder of the very finest smooth white tubers; oblong in shape; very few, shallow eyes, and is sure to be a leader while its present great vitality holds out. It grows a rampant top, which shades the ground, preventing drying out. In quality it is as good as any large-yielding late potato we know of; but none of them are equal in quality to Pingree, Bovee, and Acme, or Early Harvest and Early Michigan, etc. We get nothing but good reports regarding Carman No. 3.

**Sir Walter Raleigh.**—Have you this variety? If not, you are missing your opportunity as a potato-grower, as it is certainly one of the most worthy in cultivation. Nothing outyielded it with us the past season, and no variety makes a better appearance in the storage.

The form of the tuber is well shown by our illustration; color, white; in season about ten days earlier than the Rural New-Yorker; roots deep, grows stocky, yields abundantly handsome tubers of high quality. Great care should be exercised in cutting this and all other oblong tubers like the Carmans, Rural New-Yorker, American Beauty, etc., and see that each seed-piece has one or more eyes from near the blow end of the tuber, as many times the eyes near the stem end are not fully developed, and do not grow, causing missing hills.

**Rural New-Yorker No. 2.**—This great market variety is so well known that it is not necessary to describe it. Suffice it to say that it just fills the present-day demand for a general market sort, and in this section and many other parts of the country there are more bushels of "Rurals" grown than all other varieties combined, which could not be the case if it were not a variety which catches the dollars. We would suggest that, if you have never grown it, you had best do so the coming season, and buy your seed from us and get the genuine article.

**Banner.**—This so much resembles Rural New-Yorker that many claim it is the same. With us it grows a more bushy top, which is not so long as Rural, and tubers are of much better quality. Strong grower, excellent yielder, and one much to be desired in every respect. We have choice seed of this grown from Maine stock, and hope you will include it in your orders.

**Manum's Enormous.**—In this we have one of the very finest varieties in our list—a strong grower, great drouth and bug resister, and splendid yielder of choice stock; tubers very white, of oblong-flattened form, nicely netted skin, with medium number of not prominent eyes; and in quality equal to the best heavy-yielding market sorts. One of the main features of this variety is its excellent keeping qualities. Being well supplied with starch it keeps hard and brittle until late in the spring, as sprouting does not seem to soften it as it does many otherwise choice varieties. It has never been boomed like many less worthy varieties, and is not so well known

as some of them; but we can assure you it is a *good* one, and you can make no mistake in buying it. Season, medium.

**Wonderful.**—Introduced by Hammond, in 1898, as the most extraordinary potato ever originated. We find it a good yielder, of very handsome stock; very hardy, seldom ever a piece failing to grow; grows good strong tops, roots deep, and so far has been a sure cropper. Tubers oblong to long; cross-section nearly round; skin strong, russety white, and very densely and deeply netted, making it striking in appearance. Where cut, the flesh is about as white as snow, and in quality among the first. If you have not already tested this new and promising sort we would advise you to do so this first year of the new century. As we secured our seed from Mr. Hammond, we, of course, have the genuine article. Try the Wonderful.

**Livingston, or White Seneca Beauty.**—This is a white sport from the old Red Seneca. Introduced by Livingston's Sons, and is identical with the old Red Seneca in all respects except its color, which is white, with dark pink or red eyes, and occasional blotches of the same color. You know that the Red Seneca Beauty was one of the very best potatoes we ever had, its color being its only objection, which is removed in the white sport. Ideal in form, and unsurpassed in quality and yield, there must be a great future before it. Do not hesitate to buy it freely, as it will be in great demand for seed for several years to come.

**Pat's Choice.**—Introduced by Olds last season, of whom we received our seed stock; and from one year's trial we can say we think well of it. Undoubtedly a seedling from the Red Seneca Beauty, which it closely resembles, being light red, with small intensely red eyes; flesh very white and flaky; grows fairly strong, and we believe it will become popular when well known. Our stock of this choice new variety is small, and we would advise early orders.

**Maule's Thoroughbred.**—We can not let go of this variety, as it is one of the very best second-early sorts when conditions are right. But, as we have said in former price lists, it does not succeed on thin run-out land. If you can give it rich muck or bottom land it will give as fine a crop as you could wish to harvest; but do not plant it on a dry barren hill, and expect paying returns. We grew it the past season on the border of our celery-ground, and we never harvested a better crop nor finer stock. For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the variety we would say that it so closely resembles Early Rose in habit of growth, color, and form of tuber as to be hardly distinguishable from that good old sort.

**Commercial.**—Introduced by W. H. Maule as the best medium-season red potato ever grown. We grew it for the first time the past season, and results were very satisfactory. It is a very strong, vigorous grower; tubers oblong flattened, somewhat variable; eyes not numerous, but quite deep and prominent. Color light-red, quality high. As it grows

large, and is bright in color, it is very attractive; and where the market will take a red potato the Commercial must be a money-maker.

**American Beauty.**—This could not be called a really new variety, as it has been grown here quite extensively for several years; and instead of deteriorating, as is usual with varieties, it seems to hold its own, and, of the two, to improve in vigor. Our crop the past season grew the heaviest tops and largest tubers it ever has for us. Practically every potato is of market size, and many very large; a strong grower, abundant yielder of white tubers of the very highest quality; somewhat variable in form, but mostly oblong-flattened; medium in season. This is the variety which those who have, or can get, put in for late winter and spring use; and if you have a critical trade to supply, this is the variety for you to grow, as, while it is not as handsome as some, it is always good.

**Table King.**—We again have a few of this high-quality medium-season white potato to offer. Stock is very smooth, and strongly netted; in form, oblong-flattened.

Those who have had it know it is one of the very highest quality of potatoes in cultivation; strong grower, and good yielder. If you have demand for high-quality potatoes for family use, and want something extra good for yourself, plant Table King.

**Mixed Varieties.**—We often have inquiries for cheap Michigan seed potatoes, but have never tried to meet that demand. Last season we procured seed from two reliable parties, of the Uncle Sam. When we came to harvest the crop we were very much surprised to find there were some oblong-flattened white variety mixed with it, which we have no doubt is Carman No. 1, as it is very fine. We could not sell this for pure stock; but if one is not particular to have his potatoes all one shape this will make good seed, which we will furnish, while the supply lasts, at 60 cents per bushel, or \$1.50 per barrel.

We have a few of the following varieties, which we offer at the uniform price of 3 pounds for 50 cts. by mail, postpaid, or 25 cts. by express or freight; 50 cts. per peck by express or freight, purchaser paying charges:

**Vigorosa.**—White, early, strong grower, of handsome tubers, of the very highest quality.

**Million Dollar.**—Late, oblong, white, great yielder, an extra-good one.

**Free Silver.**—Similar to Rural; new, extra promising.

**Gem of Aroostook.**—Late, long, pinkish-white; excellent quality; good yielder.

**White Beauty.**—Almost identical with Wonderful. See description.

**Cotton's Cannon-ball.**—Very similar to the old Peachblow in habit of growth, season, color, etc. Selzer says, "Largest potato in cultivation."

Washington, Pa., Apr. 17, 1900.

Dear Sirs:—I received my potatoes all right, also plants. Every thing is in good shape.

Yours, A. L. CHADWICK.

Agricultural College,

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 19, 1900.

Dear Sirs:—Prof. Taft has just handed me your request for notes on your potato, King of Michigan, which I will give you.

In the list of 130 varieties it compares as follows with some of the better sorts:

|                          |        |                   |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| King of Michigan.....    | 264.34 | bushels per acre. |
| Carman No. 3.....        | 268.79 | " " "             |
| Livingston's Banner..... | 233.25 | " " "             |
| Maggie Murphy.....       | 285.08 | " " "             |
| Peachblow.....           | 217.7  | " " "             |
| Sir Walter Raleigh.....  | 285.08 | " " "             |

I find my notes on growth, etc., as follows: King of Michigan, a variety introduced by Flansburgh & Peirson, that has strong points sufficient to class it among the desirable new sorts. The vines are vigorous, spreading well over the ground, thus shading it during the dry part of the season. The tubers are oval, elongated, slightly flattened; skin white, finely netted; eyes broad, open, shallow, evenly distributed over the entire surface. The seed-markings are very prominent, and strong in the eyes. The texture, flavor, and grain are all that could be desired.

M. L. DEAN.

Agricultural Experiment Station,

St. Anthony Park, Minn.,

Nov. 20, 1900.

Gentlemen:—Replying to yours of Nov. 15, asking us to report on your seedling potato, King of Michigan, some of which you were so kind as to send us for trial last spring, I would say: These were planted in our regular trial-plot, and made a good healthy growth of tops, and produced an excellent crop of firm and smooth tubers. We are quite pleased with the variety, and have saved our stock of it for planting another season for further trial. Thanking you for remembering us in this way,

Yours truly, SAMUEL B. GREEN.

Amboy, Ind., Nov. 23, 1900.

Flansburgh & Peirson:—I planted the three tubers of the new seedling potato, King of Michigan, which you sent me last spring, cutting them into pieces, one eye on a piece, and one piece in a hill—hills about 15 inches apart. They were planted alongside my other potatoes, and given the same cultivation that was given the general crop. From this planting I dug half a bushel of nice merchantable tubers, and a few small ones. I have not tested the cooking qualities of the potatoes. I expect to plant next spring the half-bushel raised this season.

J. F. MELTON.

Medina, O., Nov. 27, 1900.

Gentlemen:—Please excuse delay in answering your favor of Nov. 15. My impression is that you sent us a small potato. This we cut into twelve eyes. They started very vigorously, and made a tremendous growth. Finally they were either struck with blight or else it is an extra-early potato. From the one small potato we secured a peck of exceedingly handsome, smooth potatoes. Please mail me full particulars in regard to the potato as far as you can. I am very favorably impressed with it so far. Thanks for remembering us in having it tested.

A. I. ROOT.

LaFayette, Ind., Nov. 19, 1900.

Dear Sirs:—The King of Michigan potatoes were planted alongside Carman No. 3, Sir Walter Raleigh, and others, and, judging from this season's trial, I would place it with those two varieties, both of which gave excellent satisfaction.

J. TROOP, Horticulturist.

Lorain, Ohio, May 9, 1900.

Gentlemen:—The seed potatoes arrived in good order yesterday. Thanks for good seed; will give you my order next year.

B. ZEIGMAN.

North Amherst, O.

Dear Sirs:—The two barrels of Ohio potatoes received yesterday in good shape. They are the finest lot of Ohios that I have ever seen.

Yours resp'y, ARTHUR TOLHURST.

Tipton, Iowa, May 11, 1900.

Gentlemen:—PLANTS DOING FINELY. I received them on the eve of the 5th inst., all O. K. I never saw such fine plants, and in such good order. Put me down for 1901 catalog.

D. T. JOHNSON.

## Potato Price List.

| VARIETY.                                   | BY MAIL,<br>PREPAID. |       | BY EXPRESS OR FREIGHT, ALL<br>CHARGES TO BE PAID BY THE BUYER. |      |       |       |                     |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| ALL STOCK CAREFULLY WEIGHED.               | 1 lb.                | 3 bs. | 1 lb.                                                          | lbs. | Peck. | Bush. | Barrel,<br>165 lbs. | Sugar-bbl.,<br>about 4 bu. |
| Early Showball.....No. 1 stock             | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 45    | 1 15  | 3 00                | 4 00                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 35    | 95    | 2 50                | 3 25                       |
| Early Pinkeye.....No. 1 stock              | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 45    | 1 10  | 2 90                | 3 75                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 35    | 85    | 2 35                | 3 00                       |
| Pingree.....No. 1 stock                    | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 1 00  | 2 50                | 3 50                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 90                       |
| Early Harvest.....No. 1 stock              | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 1 00  | 2 50                | 3 50                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 90                       |
| Early Michigan.....No. 1 stock             | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 1 00  | 2 50                | 3 50                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 90                       |
| Acme Seedling.....No. 1 stock              | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 45    | 1 10  | 2 75                | 3 75                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 35    | 85    | 2 25                | 3 00                       |
| Early Rose.....No. 1 stock                 | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 1 00  | 2 50                | 3 50                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 90                       |
| Early Pride.....No. 1 stock                | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 1 00  | 2 50                | 3 50                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 90                       |
| Maule's Early Thoroughbred.....No. 1 stock | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 1 00  | 2 50                | 3 50                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 90                       |
| Bovee.....No. 1 stock                      | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 1 00  | 2 50                | 3 50                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 90                       |
| Honeye Rose.....No. 1 stock                | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 1 00  | 2 50                | 3 50                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 90                       |
| Carman No. 1.....No. 1 stock               | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 30    | 70    | 1 75                | 2 25                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 25    | 50    | 1 40                | 1 90                       |
| Carman No. 3.....No. 1 stock               | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 75                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 65    | 1 65                | 2 35                       |
| Early Ohio.....No. 1 stock                 | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 1 00  | 2 50                | 3 50                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 90                       |
| White Ohio.....No. 1 stock                 | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 30   | 45    | 1 15  | 2 75                | 4 00                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 25   | 35    | 90    | 2 25                | 3 25                       |
| White Rose.....No. 1 stock                 | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 1 00  | 2 50                | 3 50                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 90                       |
| Sir Walter Raleigh.....No. 1 stock         | 20                   | 45    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 75                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 65    | 1 65                | 2 35                       |
| Rural New Yorker.....No. 1 stock           |                      |       |                                                                |      |       | 70    | 1 75                | 2 25                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           |                      |       |                                                                |      |       | 50    | 1 40                | 1 90                       |
| Banner.....No. 1 stock                     |                      |       |                                                                |      |       | 75    | 1 90                | 2 50                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           |                      |       |                                                                |      |       | 55    | 1 50                | 2 00                       |
| Manum's Enormous.....No. 1 stock           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 75                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 65    | 1 65                | 2 35                       |
| Wonderful.....No. 1 stock                  | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 75                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 65    | 1 65                | 2 35                       |
| Livingston.....No. 1 stock                 | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 75                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 65    | 1 65                | 2 35                       |
| Pat's Choice.....No. 1 stock               | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 25   | 45    | 90    | 2 35                | 3 00                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 40    | 75    | 2 00                | 2 50                       |
| Commercial.....No. 1 stock                 | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 75                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 65    | 1 65                | 2 35                       |
| American Beauty.....No. 1 stock            | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 25   | 40    | 80    | 2 00                | 2 75                       |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 20   | 30    | 65    | 1 65                | 2 35                       |
| Table King.....No. 1 stock                 | 20                   | 40    | 10                                                             | 25   | 45    | 90    | 2 35                | .....                      |
| .....No. 2 stock                           | ...                  | ...   | ...                                                            | ...  | ...   | ...   | .....               | .....                      |

The demand for No. 2 stock often exceeds the supply of that grade, and we reserve the right to fill orders for No. 2 stock with No. 1 as far as the money received will go, if the supply of No. 2 stock is sold out.

As an inducement to place your orders early we will put in free 5 lbs. of King of Michigan with each order for 5 barrels or more received before April 1st if so requested in the order. If you can use several barrels of our stock please write us for special price, and we will make you some concessions if possible. Trade will be active this season, and we advise placing your orders while all varieties are in stock.

### POTATO COMBINATIONS.

COMBINATION NO. 1—PRICE \$3.75.

- 1 peck King of Michigan,
- 2 " Early Pride,
- 6 " Pingree,
- 5 " Manum's Enormous.

COMBINATION NO. 2—PRICE \$3.75.

- 1 peck King of Michigan,
- 2 " Commercial,
- 6 " Pingree,
- 5 " Sir Walter Raleigh.

COMBINATION NO. 3—PRICE \$3.30.

- 4 pecks Early Snowball,
- 4 " Wonderful,
- 4 " Pingree,
- 2 " Manum's Enormous.

COMBINATION NO. 4—PRICE \$3.00.

- 3 pecks Early Harvest,
- 5 " American Beauty,
- 6 " Carman No. 3.

Any one of these will give you a fair start in varieties you will be pleased with.

Did you see that testimonial from England?

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Ship on or about \_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_ 1901

If we are sold out of anything ordered, may we substitute? If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE UNCLE JIM STRAWBERRY.

Last summer we learned of a valuable new seedling strawberry that had sold on the Chicago market at 25 cents per half-bushel crate above all other varieties, making quite a stir in that great market as well as among prominent growers in the neighborhood of Glenn, Allegan Co., Mich., where it originated with J. F. Dornan, popularly known among his neighbors and friends as Uncle Jim Dornan. After much inquiry and correspondence had to confirm the report of our private informant, we are satisfied that the Uncle Jim will prove a winner, and we have succeeded in securing a quantity for our own setting next spring as well as a small supply for such of our customers as desire to get an early start with a few plants of this grand berry. The supply of plants is very limited, and confined to the grounds of the originator, since the neighboring growers who have it will not part with a single plant; but a dozen or a hundred plants next spring will make a good start toward quite a planting a year later. We submit the following from the originator as showing about what others are saying of this new berry:

*Messrs. Flansburgh & Peirson*:—In regard to the Uncle Jim strawberry, the plant is free from rust, and a strong grower; season late—a little earlier than the Gandy, and will stand up and pick four or five weeks. It has a perfect blossom, and there are no buttons or nubbins—every one is a perfect berry to the last, and they will produce twice as many cases to the acre as any other variety I ever saw. They are a No. 1 shipper, large size, fine color, and of excellent flavor. They ripen evenly; there is no green end or hard core; in fact, every one who has seen them says they

are perfect in every respect. I refer you to the following parties who have seen them in bearing, and bought plants of me last year. . . I wish you would write them and get their opinion. I will enclose a clipping from the Douglas Record concerning the strawberry and flower show held in Douglas last June, and you can see what they think of them. The show was too early for me. Had it been a week later I could have made a much better showing; but I had the best berries that there were there as it was.

Omitting the flower department the clipping read as follows:

The strawberry and flower show held at Masonic Hall, in Douglas, Saturday, June 16, was a decided success. Exhibits were shown by 21 growers, and there were upward of 160 quarts and 26 varieties. Prizes were awarded as follows: Largest collection of strawberries, H. G. Welch, Douglas. Single-quart exhibits: J. F. Dornan, C. B. Welch, Mrs. Kibby, C. Van Valkenburg, Wm. Kerr, Jas. Work, Peter Lackie, Geo. Brandt, E. Hawley, J. F. Taylor, J. B. Firman, and E. Plummer.

Mrs. E. Hawley, of Fennville; Mr. Phillips, of Grand Haven, and Mr. Smith, of Burnips Corners, were chosen judges, and their decisions met with favor, as they decided entirely on the merits of the fruit exhibited, not being acquainted with the exhibitors. Among the new varieties of strawberries exhibited was one propagated by J. F. Dornan, of Glenn, which for size, firmness, and color has no equal in known varieties. Prominent growers predict that Mr. Dornan has a "bonanza" in this new variety.

This is the only variety we offer that will not be dug directly from our own grounds; but the plants will be dug and packed according to our directions, and shipped to us early in the spring, and we will guarantee safe arrival in good condition to our customers; but in this case all orders must be in by April 20. Price per dozen, postpaid, \$1.00; \$5.00 per 100.

## TESTIMONIALS.

Olivet, Mich., March 3, 1900.  
Please send me two catalogs of your potatoes and plants. I want one for a friend. I bought potatoes of you last year, and they were fine. I had good luck with them. They were Carman No. 3.  
EZRA SALISBURY.

Shepardsville, Ind., May 28, 1900.  
*Gentlemen*:—Could you send me 500 Gandy plants? I should like to try a few. I know it is late, but I have a good place for them. The other plants did remarkably well.  
Respy, W. M. YARIGER.

Pawnee City, Neb., May 14, 1900.  
*Gentlemen*:—The potatoes arrived here in six days after I ordered of you, and I am ten miles from the postoffice. I am well pleased with them, and such good weight! There are others I want another year.  
Yours truly, MRS. E. J. CAPE.

Muncie, Ind., May 8, 1900.  
Accept my thanks for filling my order so satisfactorily. The plants were strong, and in the best condition. I could easily identify the varieties, as I have grown them before.  
Yours truly, G. COWING.

Boonville, Mo., May 28, 1900.  
*Gentlemen*:—Enclosed please find money order for \$3.60, pay for strawberry-plants, which came in good condition; and, while it is very hot, yet I think I shall save most of them. I just began marketing my berry crop, which is very good.  
Yours truly, H. W. JENKINS.

Lawrence, Kan., Apr. 4, 1900.  
*Dear Sirs*:—The plants ordered from you were received in good time and order, and the plants were O. K., for which accept thanks.  
Yours truly, WM. BROWN.

Delphos, O., Apr. 13, 1900.  
Potatoes arrived in good shape.  
Yours truly, J. W. HUMPHREYS.

Hillsdale, Mich., Apr. 17, 1900.  
Received potatoes in due time, and were all right. The Carman No. 3 were extra fine.  
Yours truly, A. J. CHASE.

Warrensburg, Mo., Apr. 19, 1900.  
*Gentlemen*:—We are very much pleased with the seed potatoes you shipped us, and we thank you for the extra potatoes you sent. We have heard of the Banner, but the Pingree is new to us. We will try our best with all of them, and you can expect a good order from us next spring. Hoping you will not forget to send a catalog to our new address next spring, we remain  
Very truly yours, JOHN MELBER.

Collinwood, O., Apr. 9, 1900.  
*Dear Sirs*:—The potatoes and the strawberry-plants arrived in good shape—the plants on the 6th and the potatoes on the 8th.  
Yours, HOWARD PARKS.

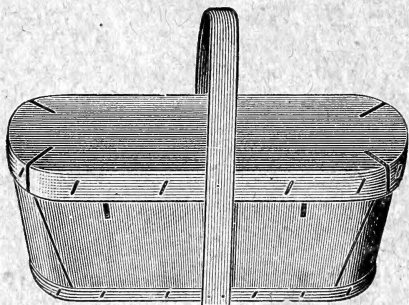
South Park, Ky., Apr. 10, 1900.  
*Gentlemen*:—I received the plants in fine condition. They were fine.  
Yours truly, JNO. S. PREISSLER.

Rochester, Ky., Apr. 11, 1900.  
*Dear Sirs*:—Order No. 2729, for strawberry-plants expressed to Beaver Dam, were received all right. I am well pleased with them. Thanking you for sending them so early I am  
Yours truly, L. D. F. WHITAKER.

Bellville, Ill., Apr. 17, 1900.  
*Gentlemen*:—Potatoes arrived some time ago, and were in fine condition.  
Very respectfully, H. C. ECKERT & SON.

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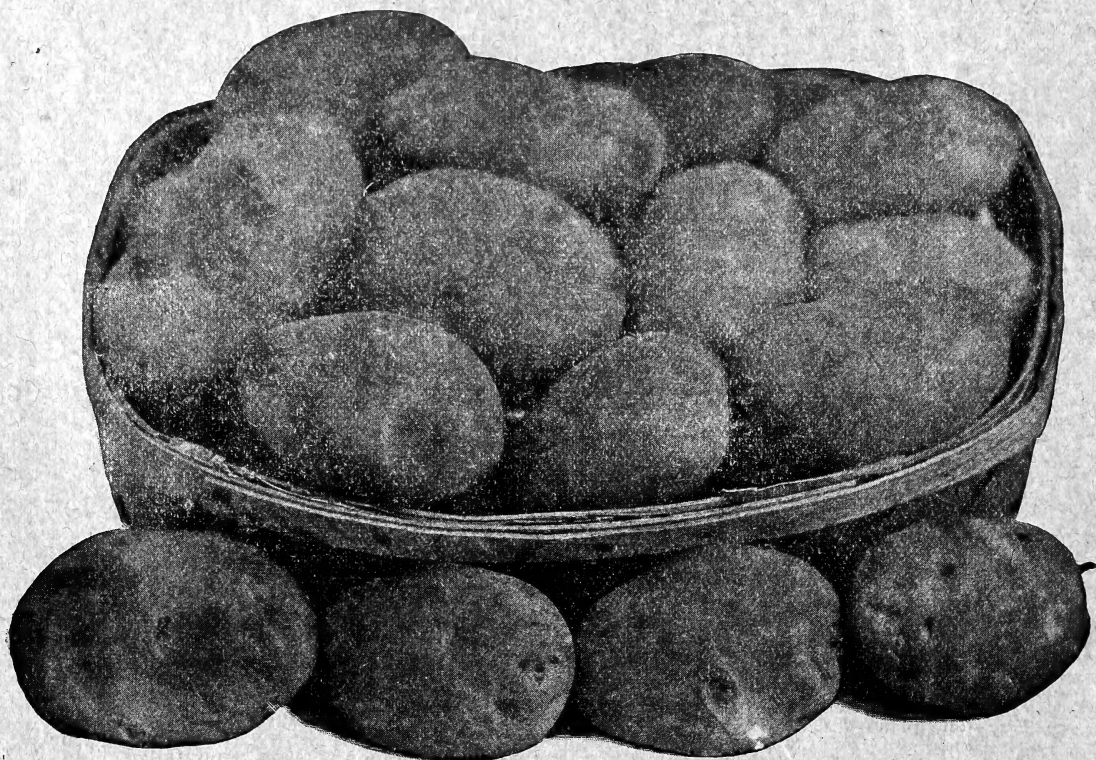


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